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January 15, 2019

Mr. Russel Neiss
MuckRock News
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Re: Sunshine Law Request

Dear Mr. Neiss:

This response is being submitted within the three-day period required by the Sunshine Law, § 610.010 *et seq.*, RSMo. You had requested the letter sent from Israeli Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan to the Governor and any response sent to Gilad Erdan or the Israeli Strategic Affairs Ministry from the Governor's Office in response to the letter above.

Enclosed please find responsive records for your request. With this letter and responsive records, we are closing your request. Because the cost to produce these records was minimal, costs for production have been waived.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Christopher K. Limbaugh
General Counsel

cc: Michelle Hallford, Custodian of Records



November 20, 2018

**The Honorable Mike Parson
Governor of Missouri**

Dear Governor,

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Robert*

I greatly appreciate the strong alliance and bond which you have helped build between the State of Missouri and the State of Israel.

The State of Missouri and Israel share a long history of mutual appreciation and understanding, based on the ideals on which we were both founded: democracy, freedom, and independence.

As Minister of Strategic Affairs, I have been entrusted with responsibility for Israel's collective response to the anti-Israel BDS campaign, which aims to isolate and boycott the Jewish State. In this context I would like to draw your attention to Airbnb's announcement on November 19th that it will remove from its site listings of Israeli-owned business in Judea and Samaria, thus adopting the anti-Semitic practices and narrative of the boycott movement. This movement is not interested in peace or a better future for the Palestinians, but rather in demonizing and discriminating against Israel, the one true democracy and America's strongest ally in the Middle East.

Airbnb's announced policy is especially disturbing when one understands that it is a policy directed only toward Israel. Such a policy has not been applied by the company to any other country or region involved in a national dispute or conflict. This constitutes (one hopes unintentionally) the modern form of an anti-Semitic practice which applies a double standard to Israel in a way that is not expected or demanded of any other country.

Following your leadership in denouncing the boycott movement, I ask that you consider speaking out against the company's decision, and taking any other relevant steps, including in relation to commercial dealings between Airbnb, the State of Missouri and its employees.

Sincerely,

**MK Gilad Erdan
Minister of Strategic Affairs and Public Diplomacy
Minister of Public Security**